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The Passenger-Cargo Security Group, an airline security trade association that advocates integrated security solutions, supports Congressman Ed Markey (D-MA), and Congressman Christopher Shays (R-CT) as they introduce a cargo inspection amendment for the third year.

Cargo inspection, as distinguished from screening which includes the ineffective Known Shipper Program, is realistic with respect to available technology, throughput, and is cost effective. European and Asian countries have been employing such technologies for years with a strong track record of mitigating smuggling, contraband, and terrorist related shipments. There are U.S. companies that produce some of these technologies for government use, in various shapes, sizes and cost. There is no good reason why the United States has not employed this available technology now, providing some level of protection, instead of doing nothing in order to appease corporate economic bias.

"Layers of security work only if we do not create our own loopholes" according to PCSG Executive Vice President Leon Laylagian. We must close the dangerous security vulnerability created by the failure to inspect cargo on passenger airlines, with the ultimate goal of also mandating inspection of cargo transported on all-cargo carriers. The amendment developed by Congressmen Ed Markey and Christopher Shays is the right thing to do in order to provide meaningful security for the American people.

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